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CONDEMNATION OF ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS

2 President Donald Trump delivered his first public condemnation of anti-Semitic incidents in the United States after a new spate of bomb threats to Jewish community centers around the country and vandalism in a Jewish cemetery. Several of the centers were evacuated for a time on Monday after receiving the threats, the JCC Association of North America said, and another center was evacuated on Tuesday morning in San Diego, California, according to police. Also, vandals toppled about 170 headstones at the Chesed Shel Emeth Society cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri, over the weekend. “The anti-Semitic threats targeting our Jewish community and community centers are horrible and are painful and a very sad reminder of the work that still must be done to root out hate and prejudice and evil,” Trump told reporters. REUTERS

EDITOR QUITS AFTER CHILD SEX REMARKS

3 Provocative far-right commentator Milo Yiannopoulos resigned on Tuesday as an editor of the Breitbart News website after he was vilified and lost a book deal over old comments that condoned at least some intimate relations between men and young teenage boys. Yiannopoulos thanked the site for letting him transmit conservative and libertarian ideas to an audience that otherwise would

never have heard them, but said he did not want his “poor choice of words” to detract from his colleagues’ important work. “This is my decision alone,” he told a news conference in New York city. “When your friends have done right by you, you do right by them. For me, now, that means stepping aside.” REUTERS

CARNIVAL IN FRANCE

5 A dancer performs during the 133rd edition of the Nice Carnival in Nice, France, on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

CIA-BACKED AID FOR SYRIAN REBELS FROZEN

4 CIA-coordinated military aid for rebels in northwest Syria has been frozen since they came under major Islamist attack last month, rebel sources said, raising doubts about foreign support key to their war against President Bashar al-Assad. Rebel officials said that no official explanation had been given for the move this month following the jihadist assault, though several said they believed the main objective was to prevent arms and cash falling into Islamist militant hands. But they said they expected the aid freeze to be temporary. The halt in assistance, which has included salaries, training, ammunition and in some cases guided anti-tank missiles, is a response to jihadist attacks and has nothing to do with President Donald Trump replacing Barack Obama, two officials familiar with the CIA-led program said. REUTERS

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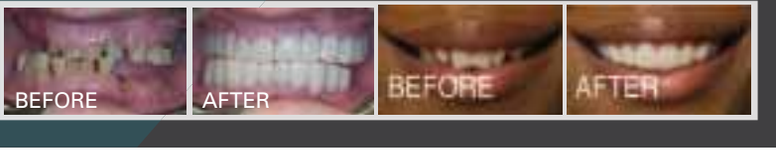

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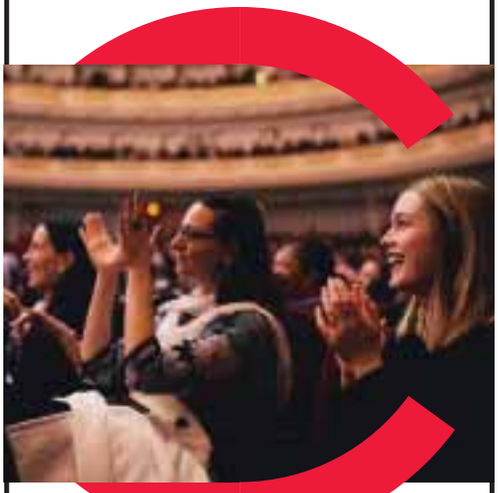

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Appellate judges say Brooklyn detainees may sue NYC over 'degrading' conditions

The lawsuit argues that the urine-caked jail cells are are crowded and littered with garbage.

New York City must face a lawsuit claiming it unconstitutionally subjected pretrial detainees at Brooklyn Central Booking to "degrading" conditions such as overcrowded and filthy cells, rotten food and undrinkable water, a federal appeals court ruled on Tuesday.

By a 3-0 vote, the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan rejected a Brooklyn federal judge's finding that the city and senior police officials could not be liable for damages because the plaintiff detainees were held for less than one day, and none suffered serious injury or sickness.

"Ultimately, the defendants' theory appears to be that state officials are free to set a system in place whereby they can subject pretrial detainees awaiting arraignment to absolutely atrocious conditions for twenty-four hour periods (and perhaps more) without violating the Constitution so long as nothing actually catastrophic happens during those periods," Judge John Koeltl wrote for the appeals court. "That is not the law."

The civil case had been brought on behalf of 20 pretrial detainees arrested between July 2011 and July 2013 and held at Brooklyn Central Booking, which has since been relocated. Nick Paolucci, a New York City Law Department spokesman, said in a statement the trial court "remains free to find for the city after a fuller presentation of the evidence."

New York City is regularly sued by prisoners, inmates and detainees over their confinement. It agreed in September to pay $5.75 million to settle a lawsuit over the 2013 death of a mentally ill inmate found naked and covered in feces after being locked for six days in his Rikers Island cell. The Brooklyn detainees said the city violated their due process rights by stuffing them "like a can of sardines" into crowded, infested, and garbage- and urine-caked cells with broken toilets and a lack of toilet paper, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

> *"We painted a picture of the facility being alarming and appalling."*
> Richard Cardinale

They also said they were served inedible food and foul water, subjected to extreme heat and cold, deprived of sleep and left to fend for themselves when other detainees became violent.

"We painted a picture of the facility being alarming and appalling," Richard Cardinale, a lawyer for the detainees, said in a phone interview. "Today we feel like our position has been vindicated, and we look forward to a trial."

Koeltl said the detainees could try to show that police officials acted with deliberate indifference, including by recklessly ignoring risks to their health and safety. REUTERS

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Report: New Yorkers deal with world-class traffic jams

Only two cities have worse congestion than NYC.

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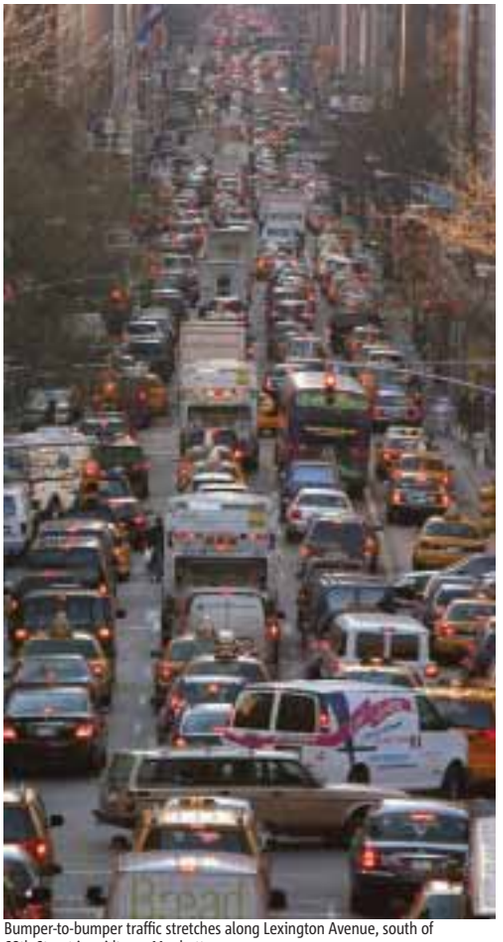
Rush-hour traffic is as predictable as the sun setting at night for New Yorkers, but drivers might be shocked to find out how many hours tick away while they're stuck behind the wheel.

On average, New York City drivers spend 89 hours a year in traffic, making it the third most congested city in the world, according to a recent global traffic study by INRIX.

Los Angeles earned bragging rights as the most congested city on the planet, with drivers spending an average of 104 hours a year in traffic. Coming in at No. 2 was Moscow, with 91 hours spent in traffic annually.

American cities earned nine of the top 20 spaces on INRIX's traffic scorecard, which analyzed 1,064 cities in 38 countries to rank congestion.

Population and economic growth alongside continued urbanization are the root causes of congestion, the study found. New York is seeing an uptick in the number of hours commuters spend in traffic in 2016, bumping it up from the No. 8 slot.



Bumper-to-bumper traffic stretches along Lexington Avenue, south of 68th Street in midtown Manhattan. GETTY IMAGES

But New York isn't alone. In fact, congestion worsened in 2016 in all nine of the United States cities found to have the most traffic.

"As cities strive to update or expand aging infrastructure, the application of big data and analytics to understand and help combat traffic congestion is crucial to the health and development of our cities," the report stated.

MURDER CASE

Crowdfunding for Karina Vetrano's accused killer denied twice

Supporters of Chanel Lewis, who has been charged with the murder of Queens jogger Karina Vetrano, were thwarted twice in their attempts to mount an online defense fund.

"We want justice for the Vetrano family, but also due process and fairness for Chanel," Chris Banks, a community advocate and supporter of Lewis' family, told the New York Daily News.

Since Lewis' arrest on Feb. 4, campaigns on Fundly and GoFundMe sites were removed, his supporters said at a press conference.

GoFundMe spokesman Bobby Whithorne told the Daily News the Lewis page violated their terms of service, specifically a ban on "the defense or support of anyone alleged to be involved in criminal activity."

A consumer support worker confirmed to the Daily News that the page has been "temporarily" shut down after a deluge of complaints.

"They were passed on to our security team," she said, the Daily News reported. "We're still working on it."

The $800 on Lewis' GoFundMe page has been given back to the donors. The Fundly account remains suspended with $1,700 in limbo.

"He hasn't even been indicted yet," Banks told the Daily News. "To have a fund to support the family is important. We want fairness across the board."

Metro reached out to Fundly and is awaiting a response.

A page for the Vetrano family raised more than $290,000 to capture the killer. Since Lewis' arrest, the family has asked supporters to help decide which charity should get the reward money. KIMBERLY M. AQUILINA

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RUNNING WITH THE BULL

Bull dies after police chase in Queens

A bull that escaped from a slaughterhouse in Queens has died following a wild police chase through the streets, reports said.

The bull was spotted running around Jamaica on Tuesday morning.

ABC7 reported that by 11 a.m., police had cornered the bull in the backyard of a home on Marsden Street near 118th Avenue. They reportedly sedated it with darts, but it wasn't enough to stop the stubborn bovine.

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About an hour later, cops managed to properly sedate the bull, and animal care staff arrived at the scene.

Animal Care Centers took the bull to their Brooklyn facility, where it was dead on arrival, according to ABC7. A cause of death was not immediately clear.

Last year, two different cows escaped a local Jamaica slaughterhouse in both January and April, but were saved by activists.

CRISTABELLE TUMOLA

President Donald Trump GETTY IMAGES

Trump protest signs prompt warning from Central Park co-op board

Some Upper West Side residents decided to celebrate Presidents Day by putting anti-Trump signs in their windows.

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Residents at an Upper West Side co-op resistant to President Donald Trump's politics decided to openly protest this holiday weekend.

Windows of 415 Central Park West were adorned with handmade anti-Trump signs — which spelled out the words "RESIST" and "JUSTICE NOW," NY1 reported.

But those signs were reportedly against co-op rules — which ban the display of advertising — and residents were warned to take them down, according to the New York Post.

The warning had nothing to do with politics, board President Gloria Baker said. "It's a house rule. Notices are a reminder of just what the house rules are."

Residents who participated in placing the signs in the 17-story building that looks onto the street and park said they wouldn't challenge the house rule.

"They are a sign of resistance about the injustices being done and [that] will be done by the Trump administration," Linda Goldenberg, 75, who participated in the display, told the Post.

But Sandy Roche, 83, who also had a sign in her window and had attended an anti-Trump rally, according to the Post, said that she understood the board's request.

"They reminded us the signs are against condo rules. It's a perfectly legitimate rule to have," she said. "They don't want advertising in their windows."

This isn't the first time that residential political signs have made the news in New York City, but typically they've been for Trump supporters. In one high-profile incident in August, vandals allegedly burned a Staten Island man's giant "T" tribute to Trump on his lawn. The man later replaced it with a bigger version.

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Hidden tennis courts in Grand Central Station were once Trump's exclusive club

The "secret" tennis courts are tucked away in a relatively obscure space called the Annex.

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Even the city's most public places conceal secrets paved over by the years, some more hidden than others. Grand Central Station is no exception, despite the 750,000 or so people who make their way through its halls each day.

You may already know of the terminal's secret train track and whispering walls, but did you know that there are tennis courts in Grand Central?

Once an exclusive club run by Donald Trump, the courts are now open to the public — and you can reserve a court at midnight.

The "secret" tennis courts are tucked away in a relatively obscure space called the Annex, which has at various times been used as a TV studio for CBS, an art gallery and a 65-foot-long indoor ski slope.

The athletic complex was first installed in the 1960s by Geza A. Gazdag, an immigrant from Hungary who founded the Vanderbilt Athletic Club on the third floor. Named after Cornelius Vanderbilt, who built the Grand Central Depot, the facility had two clay courts and the aforementioned indoor ski slope.

The club hit the skids in the '80s, and in 1984 it was scooped up with some real estate deals by Trump, who leased the space, renovated and turned the third-floor annex into an exclusive

The Grand Central tennis courts IMAGE VIA 6SQFT

$155-an-hour ($130 on weekends) cash-only court for the well-heeled and well-connected.

The pristine clay courts remained in semi-secrecy until Trump's lease ended in 2009 and the space became a decidedly non-Trumpian full-service lounge and rest area for MTA workers. But the sound of secret tennis balls in the terminal wasn't silenced; there was enough space in the cavernous Annex for all. The soaring 3-story atrium got a new ceiling, and the re-invigorated and certifiably Trump-free Vanderbilt Tennis Club moved into the newly-created fourth floor.

The courts are now open to the public — if you can find them (some station employees don't even know they exist). Start by finding the elevators in the lobby outside the now-shuttered Campbell Apartment bar — they'll take you directly there. The elevators located halfway down the ramp leading to the Oyster Bar and tracks 100-117 will work, too.

The tennis facility boasts one junior court, two practice lanes, a fitness room and one regulation-sized main court—reportedly the only one in New York City that features on-court, slow-motion video analysis.

Regular court time rates reportedly make the Trump era look like a bargain, but you don't have to be a member; the club is open until 1 a.m. daily and hosts Night Owl Tennis for as little as $70 an hour, programs for kids and more. New guests can also play for an hour for free with an appointment.

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Baby Boomers May Avoid Knee Surgery With Modern Arthritis Treatments

Doctors say these two factors are the keys to knee arthritis treatment success and relieving pain without surgery

By Matt Edgar

America's Health Writer

New York City - Everyone has said it at one time or another. If I had only known about "this" sooner - things would be very different today.

That's what many knee arthritis pain sufferers are saying about this technology and treatment.

"We all know that countless lives are being saved every year because of early detection and better treatment" noted the clinic director at the ***NY Pain MD*** in New York City. "*The same holds true for treating arthritis pain. I believe we are having so much success at* ***NY Pain MD*** *because of two factors: One is we are using advanced medical technology and treatments a lot of clinics do not use. And second, the word has spread to our community and so many knee arthritis sufferers are coming in sooner. And the earlier we can treat knee arthritis - the better the results. The key to trying to avoid knee replacement surgery is doing the correct treatment as soon as possibly"*

What is the "correct treatment?"

"That depends," said the director. *"There is no one answer when it comes to medical conditions. Knee arthritis is no different. That's why, if you have knee pain, you should have it evaluated by a doctor who deals with and treats knee pain every day,"* added the director.

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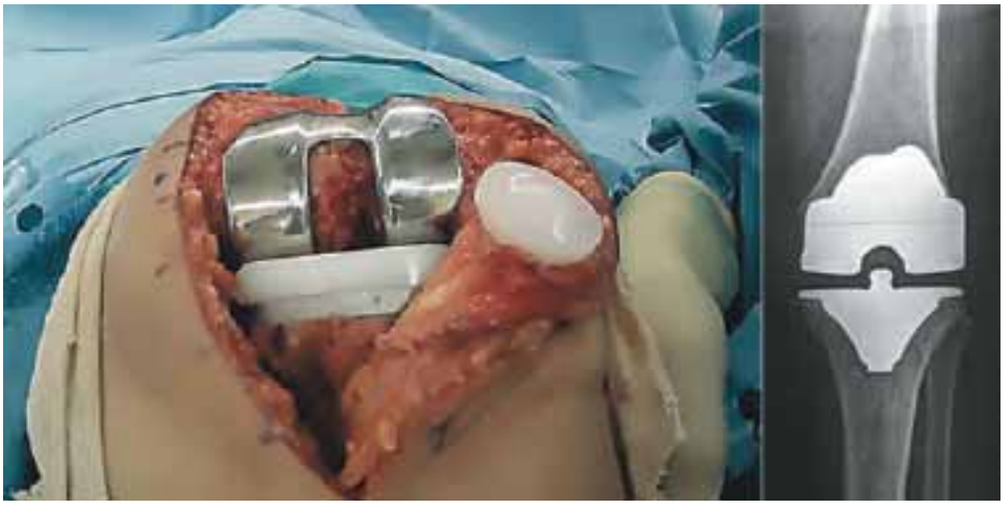
The director believes one of the most important factors for the success of viscosupplementation is making sure you are getting it into the joint space precisely. That's why the doctors at ***NY Pain MD*** use advanced imaging technology to apply *Precision Arthritis Targetin*g during every treatment.

A device called the "C-Arm" allows the doctor to see into the joint and actually watch the medicine be applied exactly where it is supposed to. Research shows that performing procedures without Precision Arthritis Targeting (P.A.T.T.)can result in missing the joint space as much as 30% of the time. If you had viscosupplementation treatments without Presision Arthritis Targeting Technology and did not get good results - this may be why.

"If you have knee arthritis pain, viscosupplementation might be the answer you are looking for. The keys are not wait, get a good evaluation from an expert and make sure precision arthritis targeting is used to make sure you have the best chance for success."



Can This Be Avoided? Total knee replacement is serious surgery requiring months of rehabilitation. Some doctors think modern treatments done early enough can keep baby boomers from going under the knife.

Normal Pain-Free Knee Joint

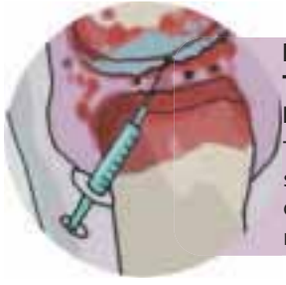
Everyone Wants Proof:

In the artist simulated drawings, picture #1 is a normal, pain-free knee. There is no arthritis and the knee can move and bend freely without pain.

Knee With Painful Arthritis

Pain -

Illustration shown is a knee joint with painful xosteo-arthritis. Arthritis causes the joint space to decrease, grinding, stiffness, decreased motion, bone spurs,swelling and a lot of pain.



Research Shows Doctors Miss The Joint Space Up To 30% Of The Time Without Advanced Imaging

Failed Treatment -

The injection (Lubrication medicine) misses the joint space. Research shows this occurs up to 30% of the time without the use of the Hologic digital imaging to guide the injection. This is why lubrication medicine may not have worked for you

Lubrication Medicine Injected Directly Into Knee Join Like "Joint Oil" using Precision Targeting Technology

Succesful Treatment -

Sucessful Treatment - Lubrication Medicine (blue) being precisely injected directly into the knee joint using Hologic digital imaging. Advance imaging allows treatments to be as precise as possible. Lubrication medicine can lubricate the joint and decrease pain.

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Sources: Facebook in talks to live-stream one MLB game per week

Facebook Inc. is in talks with Major League Baseball to live-stream one game per week during the upcoming season, which could be a key win as the social media platform works to offer more live sports, according to two people familiar with the situation.

Facebook has pushed to sign deals with owners of sports rights to live stream their games, going after an audience that competitor Twitter Inc. is also trying to capture, according to sports media consultants.

For social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter, live-streaming sports is key to attracting people since sports is one of the few types of content that people still watch live.

"Facebook is aggressively going after sports content and they are now one of a number of competitors to traditional media outlets that are going after sports programming," said sports media consultant Lee Berke. "It makes perfect sense that they would be going after name brand properties like the MLB."

The companies were in advanced talks, according to one source. It was unclear which games MLB would live-stream on Facebook. A representative for Facebook and MLB declined to comment.

The size of Facebook's reach was a big reason Univision Communications Inc decided to use Facebook Live to live stream Mexican soccer matches in English, said Tonia O'Connor, chief commercial officer and president of content distribution at Univision.

By partnering with Facebook, MLB would get access to a young audience at a massive scale. GETTY IMAGES

Under that deal, Facebook will live-stream 46 matches by Mexican soccer league Liga MX in 2017. Terms were not disclosed.

Over the past few months, Facebook has live-streamed global basketball and soccer matches and table tennis. REUTERS

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New environmental chief says agency can also be pro-jobs

Critics of the agency have complained that regulations ushered in by former Democratic President Barack Obama have killed thousands of energy jobs by restricting carbon emissions and limiting areas open to coal mining and oil drilling.

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt address employees at the agency's headquarters on Tuesday in Washington, D.C. GETTY IMAGES

The new head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said on Tuesday that America need not choose between jobs and the environment, in a nod to the energy industry, as the White House prepares executive orders that could come as soon as this week to roll back Obama-era regulation.

"I believe that we as an agency, and we as a nation, can be both pro-energy and jobs, and pro-environment," Scott Pruitt said in his first address to staff. "We don't have to choose between the two."

Democrats, environmental advocates and many of the EPA's current and former staff worry President Donald Trump's appointment of Pruitt signals a reversal in America's progress toward cleaner air and water and fighting global climate change.

Both Trump and Pruitt have expressed doubts about climate change, and Trump vowed during his 2016 presidential campaign to pull the United States out of a global pact to fight it. The Republican president has promised to slash environmental rules to help the drilling and mining industries, but without hurting air and water quality.

Pruitt sued the agency he now leads more than a dozen times while attorney general of Oklahoma to stop federal rules. He did not mention climate change in his 12-minute speech at the EPA's headquarters in Washington.

He struck a conciliatory tone in the address, saying he would "listen, learn and lead" and that he valued the contributions of career staff.

Trump is expected to sign executive orders aimed at reshaping environmental policy as early as this week. Those orders would lift a ban on coal mining leases on federal lands and ease greenhouse gas emissions curbs on electric utilities, according to a report by the Washington Post.

They would also require changes to Obama's Waters of the United States rule that details which waterways fall under federal protection, the report said.

The White House did not immediately reply to a request for comment on the Washington Post story.

Pruitt was confirmed by the U.S. Senate last week after contentious hearings that focused on his record as the top prosecutor of the oil- and gas-producing state of Oklahoma.

Democrats had sought to delay Pruitt's confirmation over questions about his ties to the oil industry. Some 800 former EPA staff also signed a letter urging senators to reject him, and about 30 current EPA staff joined a protest set up in Chicago by the Sierra Club environmental group. REUTERS

ABORTION

Virginia governor vetoes bill defunding Planned Parenthood

Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe on Tuesday vetoed a bill that would have blocked funding for Planned Parenthood, which provides abortions and other health services.

The bill passed by the Republican-controlled legislature would have barred the state from providing funds to clinics that perform abortions not covered by Medicaid, the federal healthcare program for the poor.

McAuliffe, a Democrat, said the measure would harm thousands of Virginians who relied on Planned Parenthood healthcare services and programs. He vetoed a similar measure last year.

"Attempts to restrict women's access to health care will impede the goal of making Virginia the best place to live, work, and run a business," he said in a statement.

Advocates for the law had said it would underpin organizations that provide the widest range of services.

Planned Parenthood draws the ire of many Republicans because it provides abortions. Republican President Donald Trump has pledged to defund the organization. REUTERS

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Trump's new security adviser differs from him on Russia, other key issues

White House press secretary Sean Spicer said on Tuesday that Trump told McMaster "he's got full authority to structure the national security team the way he wants."

President Donald Trump has shown little patience for dissent, but that trait is likely to be tested by his new national security adviser, Army Lt. Gen. General H.R. McMaster.

McMaster is joining the White House staff with views on Russia, counterterrorism, strengthening the military and other major security issues that diverge not only from those of the Trump loyalists, but also from those the president himself has expressed.

A military intellectual whose ideas have been shaped more by experience than by emotion, more by practice than by politics, and more by intellect than by impulse may also find himself in political terrain that may be as alien, and perhaps as hostile, to him as the sands and cities of Afghanistan and Iraq were.

McMaster will not be alone, however. His prominent administration allies include Defense Secretary Jim Mattis; Marine General Joseph Dunford, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Senator John McCain, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee; as well as many of the soldiers who have served with him.

Trump already has taken the unusual step of adding Steve Bannon, his chief strategic adviser known for right-wing ideological views, to the White House National Security Council.

President Donald Trump and Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster as his national security adviser at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach, Florida. GETTY IMAGES

"The real potential for flashpoints is with some of the people that Steve Bannon has brought into the administration ... people who see things very ideologically," said Andrew Exum, a former Army officer and Defense Department Mideast policy official and McMaster friend for more than a decade.

Trump's early missteps on immigration and other issues "have strengthened the leverage available to not only H.R. McMaster, but also Defense Secretary Mattis and Secretary (of State Rex) Tillerson potentially," Exum said.

One of the first tests of McMaster's influence will be the administration's review of U.S. policy in Syria, and more broadly against Islamic militancy. The review's results are due early next week, Pentagon officials said on Tuesday.

Bannon said last June that the United States and its European allies are fighting a "global existential war" against Islam.

McMaster's approach to defeating Sunni Muslim militants has been more nuanced, resting largely on separating extremists from the vast majority of the local population. As commander of the Army's 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, then-Colonel McMaster prepared his troopers for retaking the city of Tal Afar on the Iraqi-Syrian border in 2005 by having some of them dress in traditional Arab dishdashas, recruiting Arab-Americans to play the part of locals, and teaching his troops how to determine if a household was Sunni or Shiite by looking at the pictures hung on the walls. McMaster ordered his soldiers never to call the Iraqis they encountered "hajjis," which many Americans used as a derogatory term for the Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca. REUTERS

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Source: US Homeland Security employees locked out of computer networks

Some U.S. Department of Homeland Security employees in the Washington area and Philadelphia were unable to access some agency computer networks on Tuesday, according to three sources familiar with the matter.

It was not immediately clear how widespread the issue was or how significantly it affected daily functions at DHS, a large government agency whose responsibilities include immigration services, border security and cyber defense.

Employees began experiencing problems logging into networks at 5 a.m. ET on Tuesday due to a problem related to domain controllers, or servers that process authentication requests, which could not validate personal identity verification (PIV) cards used by federal workers and contractors to access certain information systems, one source said.

At least four U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services facilities in the Washington area and one in Philadelphia were affected, the source said, but some employees were able to access systems through a virtual private network. It was not clear if other branches of DHS were affected.

The source characterized the issue as one stemming from relatively benign information technology missteps and a failure to ensure network redundancy. There was no evidence of foul play, the source said, adding that it appeared the domain controller credentials had expired on Monday when offices were closed for the federal Presidents Day holiday.

Department of Homeland Security in downtown Manhattan GETTY IMAGES

DHS did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

President Donald Trump vowed to make cybersecurity a priority during his administration, following an election marred by hacks of Democratic Party emails that U.S. intelligence agencies concluded were carried out by Russia in order to help Trump, a Republican, win. At a White House event last month he said he would "hold my Cabinet secretaries and agency heads accountable, totally accountable, for the cybersecurity of their organizations."

Trump had planned to sign a cybersecurity executive order last month but it was put on hold to allow more time for review. REUTERS

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UPS tests drone deliveries, eyes future price changes

No timeline for when technology might be put into wider use, partly because federal authorities are still developing regulations.

UPS has tested drones before and is considering other uses for the technology, such as in inventory. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION, GETTY IMAGES

United Parcel Service said it will consider raising prices across the board in coming years to offset pressure on margins, particularly from the rising costs of delivering packages to e-commerce customers.

"We ... always have to be diligent about getting the right return," particularly as costs rise, Richard Peretz, the company's chief financial officer, said at an investor event.

His comments came a day after the company tested home delivery by drone in Lithia, Florida, the first step in what it hopes will be more automated — and cheaper — deliveries in rural areas.

UPS is grappling with lower margins for e-commerce, which have dented earnings. Businesses typically get more packages per stop than residences, making delivery to individual homes more expensive.

Drones could be one way to reduce those costs.

In Monday's test, a drone launched from the roof of a UPS vehicle flew autonomously toward its destination, dropped a package and then returned to the vehicle as the driver continued on a delivery route.

"We see this as an exploration into this new technology," John Dodero, vice president of industrial engineering at UPS, said ahead of the test.

The company is also considering how changes in global trade, particularly with Mexico, will impact its business as U.S. President Donald Trump vows to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement, which took effect in 1994.

"We see this as an exploration into this new technology."

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The U.S.-Mexico supply chain is "critical," said David Abney, the company's chief executive. NAFTA "is a little bit old. It's not reflective of 21st-century agreements," he said.

But Abney added that the company believes "global trade certainly drives jobs, and we think that southern border is important to our customers and to the country."

The company said it will expand U.S. pickup and delivery to six days for ground shipments and offer Saturday delivery in the largest metropolitan areas. REUTERS

TransferWise launches international money transfers via Facebook

Money transfer company TransferWise has launched a service that allows users to send money internationally through Facebook's chat application, as competition in the digital payments landscape intensifies.

The London-based startup said Tuesday that it had developed a Facebook Messenger "chatbot," or an automated program that can help users communicate with businesses and carry out tasks such as online purchases.

TransferWise's chatbot enables customers to send money to friends and family to and from the United States, Britain, Canada, Australia and Europe from Facebook Messenger. It can also be used to set up exchange-rate alerts.

Facebook already allows its users to send money domestically in the United States via its Messenger app, but has not yet launched similar services internationally. TransferWise said its service will be the first to enable international money transfers entirely within Messenger.

Facebook opened up its Messenger app to developers to create chatbots in April in a bid to expand its reach in customer service and enterprise transactions.

Chatbots have become a hot topic in enterprise technology over the past year because recent advances in artificial intelligence have made them better at interacting. Businesses, including banks, are hoping that they can be used to improve and reduce the cost of their customer-service operations. REUTERS

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Verizon, Yahoo agree to lowered $4.48B deal

Verizon Communications Inc. said it would buy Yahoo Inc.'s core business for $4.48 billion, lowering its original offer by $350 million in the wake of two massive cyberattacks at the internet company.

The closing of the deal, which was announced in July, had been delayed as the companies assessed the fallout from two data breaches that Yahoo disclosed last year.

The No. 1 U.S. wireless carrier had been trying to persuade Yahoo to amend the terms of the agreement following the attacks. As part of the revised deal, Yahoo and Verizon will share some liabilities arising from the hacks.

The deal brings to Verizon more than 1 billion Yahoo users and a wealth of data it can use to offer more targeted advertising. Verizon will combine Yahoo's advertising-

technology tools as well as its search, email and messenger assets with its AOL unit, purchased for $4.4 billion in 2015.

The revised agreement comes as Verizon and its main rival, AT&T Inc., try to find new ways to grow in an oversaturated market for wireless services. AT&T has proposed an $85.4 billion takeover of Time Warner Inc. to boost its content offerings to subscribers. Time Warner is the parent of cable channels HBO and CNN, as well as film studio Warner Bros.

The combined Yahoo and AOL businesses will help diversify Verizon away from its core wireless business, wrote Jennifer Fritzsche, an analyst at Wells Fargo, but "we would note its digital media and advertising business would still be a small percentage of revenues."

Verizon's shares rose 0.5 percent to $49.42 in Tuesday morning trading, while Yahoo's shares were up 0.3 percent at $45.22.

Verizon and Yahoo said they expect the deal to close in the second quarter.

Under the amended terms, Yahoo and Verizon will split cash liabilities related to some government investigations and third-party litigation related to the breaches.

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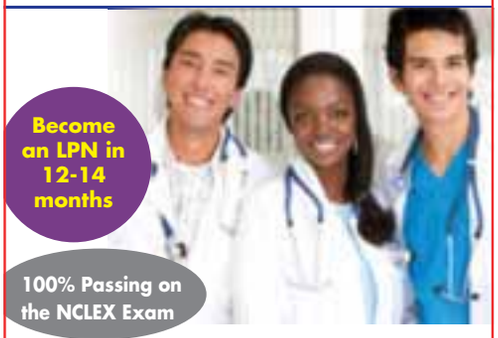

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Gross: Johnny Depp is creeping on Daisy Ridley

Johnny Depp, a melted pile of gel eyeliner with a crippling scarf addiction, has found his newest would-be fountain of youth. According to Celebitchy, the 53-year-old has his eye on co-star Daisy Ridley, 24. Which makes sense, because it's looking more and more like he dates young women to suck the life out of them in order to prolong his own. A source on set of "Murder on the Orient Express" says that Depp has developed a crush, and it is definitely not mutual. "Daisy's in a tough spot. She clearly thinks the world of Johnny as an actor, but simply isn't interested in pursuing a romance with him," says the spy. "He isn't accustomed to being turned down, especially by a younger actress. Johnny's convinced that if he cleans up his act, Daisy might change her mind." Exsqueeze me? It is far too late for Depp to clean up his act. He's been a hot mess for a long time now, and there's truly no turning back. Better luck next time, Edward Scissorhands.

Angelina Jolie doing damage control?

Angelina Jolie is making the rounds in support of her newest film, "First They Killed My Father," and because promoting a film is a dirty, dirty business, she's conveniently opening up about her messy-ass divorce from Brad Pitt. On "Good Morning America," the 41-year-old just happened to dish on all things Brangelina. According to Perez Hilton, she said "We are focusing on the health of our family. So we will be stronger when we come out of this, because that's what we're determined to do as a family," she said. "We will always be a family." Mmmhmm. Please note, she told BBC World News the same thing, saying, "We are a family, and we will always be a family, and we will get through this time, and hopefully be a stronger family for it." It's almost like she's reading from a script! Jolie — who has famously never had a publicist — has reportedly been discreetly seeking one and hoping for an image overhaul. Because really, this whole thing has made both parties look pretty bad. So, yeah. Damage control.

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Lindsay Lohan claims she was racially profiled

It seems like just yesterday we were talking about another ridiculous thing Lindsay Lohan had done — oh wait, that *was* yesterday. The "Mean Girls" star is at it again, and this time she's telling us about the time she, a white woman, was racially profiled. During a visit to "Good Morning Britain," the 30-year-old told Piers Morgan that she was traveling from London to New York after meeting BFF Recep Tayyip Erdoğan in Turkey. She and the president of Turkey were just gabbin' about the global refugee crisis, as you do. Then, while at Heathrow Airport, Lohan claims she was racially profiled for the first time in her life. According to Vulture, she told Morgan, "[British Airport Security] opened my passport and saw 'Lindsay Lohan' and started immediately apologizing, but then said, 'Please take off your headscarf.' And I did, it's OK." Oh, honey. That's not how racial profiling works. Maybe you meant something else? The actress also opened up about how the experience made her consider what it might be like to be a nonwhite woman, and her confusing relationship with the Quran.

Hoda adopts a baby girl

Hoda Kotb — yes, of the day-drinking Kathie Lee and Hoda pair — has adopted a baby girl. Her name is Haley Joy, and I'm very committed to what I said earlier: Babies are very in this year. The 52-year-old broke the news on Instagram, simply writing "My girl #haleyjoy." She preceded the announcement by clogging her Instagram with inspirational quotes, so we should have known a baby announcement or a break up announcement or a plea to play a Disney princess was coming our way. If only we'd read the signs! According to E! News, Kotb has been dating financier Joel Schiffman for several years.

George Clooney is pretty excited about having twins

George Clooney has finally opened up about the twins he's expecting with his wife, Amal Clooney, and it's all very classic him.

In an interview with a French program, "Recontres de Cinema," the 55-year-old actor shared how much he's looking forward to being a dad. "We are really happy and really excited. It's going to be an adventure," said Clooney.

"It's going to change a lot of things, but you know, that's life." What a brave understatement!

Clooney has famously said that children weren't a priority for him, but he changed his tune after being married to Amal for about a year. And, I mean, can you blame him?

The very handsome couple is expecting a boy and a girl in June.

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Drew Barrymore: Sheila saved my life

The actress and producer surprised the world with her TV debut in a show nobody expected to see.

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Drew Barrymore makes her TV debut with a series for Netflix called "Santa Clarita Diet" where she plays Sheila, a real estate agent that turns into a zombie overnight. How will this affect the lives of a suburban family in California? The 41-year-old actress chats with Metro about the series and shares her experience filming it.

"Santa Clarita Diet" is fun and at the same time disgusting. What was the intention of all of this?

I believe that the series has a certain optimism that if you surpass the blood or the vomit, you discover in the plot a sweetness, an optimism and a certain function of the family that is the base of the plot and that was what attracted me to the project. It gave me that emotional factor and so the blood, the gore is just part of the fun for me — more than just being something dark and disgusting. It's funny. Scary is seeing a neighbor spying on you out the window — that scares me. I have a friend who told me she did not know if she could endure so much gore, and I felt like Sheila and told her "Get over it, you coward."

What has been the most disgusting thing you've had to eat?

I worked very closely with the special-effects team. They always gave me different things. Every day on set I was wondering, what will they give me to eat today? There was everything from liquid cake, dehydrated apples or an edible garter that tasted sweet. One day there was soup from a large corporation that I will not name.

Was it fat-free? Because you were just saying how during shooting you were trying to lose weight ...

Well, that's my job. Definitely the things I got on set had more calories than what I was eating with my diet, but I had to do it. And I really did, I loved it. The fact that I had to take showers before getting into the car every night at the end of the day cracked me up.

Did you get an idea of what it was going to be like from your first script reading? How did you find out that you were going to eat humans?

Drew Barrymore stars in Netflix's "Santa Clarita Diet." NETFLIX

Drew Barrymore chows down as a zombie. NETFLIX

When I received the script, I was at a time when I did not want to work. So it was not that they were throwing scripts at me and I was turning them down, but I was more concentrated on creating and producing. But my agent and my partner spent months almost hitting me with this script, asking me to read it. It was not my plan to work — I wanted to stay home with my daughters. But when I read it, they convinced me because it was something different and fresh. It took me out of a very sad moment in my life that was happening: my divorce. Reading the script was fun, it gave me joy and made me laugh. It was touching at the same time. And I immediately agreed to participate in "Santa Clarita." And now I must admit that I was very fortunate. Sheila made my life so much better. She woke me up. She's awesome. I like her.

So, you were the last to arrive to the show?

I was the last one, but I really wanted to work with these guys. I was lucky to be invited to this party.

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Try these five unique margaritas on National Margarita Day.

Sure, you could raise a glass of the usual tequila, lime and triple sec today to celebrate National Margarita Day, but we found some bars shaking up the usual recipe with their own trendy and creative takes on the margarita.

Avo margarita

Known for its tequila and mezcal cocktails, **Añejo** has fused another Mexican staple into the classic drink for Margarita Day: an ounce-and-a-half of guacamole puree gets swirled with silver tequila, organic agave and a squeeze of lime. "What pairs well with a margatita?" was the starting point for James Horn in creating the drink. "Our traditional guacamole and our house margaritas share several of the same main ingredients; cilantro, jalapeño, lime and salt. I just needed to figure out a way to get the avocado element into the glass without making a smoothie or something weird." The guacamole is the cocktail's last note, along with a rim of spiced salt and tortilla chips — hopefully to make you crave some of the real thing. ***301 Church St., Tribeca; 668 10th Ave., Hell's Kitchen***

Big Trouble in Little Jalisco, Clancey **PROVIDED**

Rosemary margarita, Bodega Negra **DAVID JACOBSON**

Rosemary margarita

"With the changing seasons, we have an opportunity to incorporate flavors that are more appropriate for the time of year," says Drew Sweeney, beverage director of clubby Mexican spot Bodega Negra. He uses pear puree with an herbal note from rosemary agave syrup. Premium Herradura Blanco lets the agave shine. This marg also skips the traditional salt rim. "I love using salt as a way to add complexity to cocktails, but when we were working on this drink, we agreed that it had enough going on already," says Sweeney. More sweet news: On the 22nd, all margaritas are two-for-one and pitches are half off. ***355 W. 16th St., Chelsea***

Big Trouble in Little Jalisco

An unlikely contender for most authentic margarita comes from Clancey, a Lower East Side newcomer that's sort of an ode to its neighborhood with Jewish, Latin and Asian comfort foods. Named for the birthplace of tequila, Big Trouble in Little Jalisco is made with Espolón Reposado Tequila, which is aged in oak barrels for up to a year and brings depth of flavor to this "fruit, smoky riff on a classic margarita," says mixologist David Uhr. Ancho reyes chili brings smoky heat, tempered with sweet acidity from raspberry, finished with lime and a note of chocolate from mole bitters. ***79 Clinton St. Lower East Side***

Flinders Lane's Carrot Margarita **ASIA COLADNER**

The DeLine

The cocktail gets an edge in the hands of mixologist Frankie Gabriel of **Jams**, who combines mezcal, simple syrup, Combier triple sec, orange zest and tops it with a Laphroaig whiskey float. It's a play on a drink originally made by Jared DeLine, known for cocktails that hold their own against the intensely flavorful Central Mexican fare at Prospect Heights' El Atoradero. "I wanted to make the drink more symphonic," with notes that begin in the nose and play across the palate, he says. First to hit is the smoky note in the whiskey, followed by heat from the chipotle salt rim. Then a high note of sweetness from the orange, finished with a bass note from the mezcal. ***1414 Sixth Ave., Midtown***

Spiced Carrot margarita

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This weekend is your last chance to experience one of New York's most extravagant brunches.

When the Waldorf Astoria closes at the end of this month to be converted into luxury condos, New York will lose one of its most lavish experiences: brunch at Peacock Alley.

On Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the historic hotel's lobby restaurant spills out beyond its usual gold-gilded confines to set a buffet worthy of the only hotel good enough for the king of Zamunda.

There are no kale frittatas or acai bowls here — just as the Waldorf defied the stock market crash to open in 1931 as the tallest and largest hotel in the world, the Peacock's brunch has kept to the classics (though the harpist did sneak in an Adele track or two). Amid the black marble columns, dim lights and iconic Lady Liberty clock, velvet ropes separate a maze of tables heaving with all of brunch's bounty. Just some of the highlights:

Four caviars, silver tureens of velvety lobster bisque, blintzes nearly bursting with sweet ricotta, a raw bar with oysters shucked on demand. Go carnal with leg of lamb, whole roast pig and, presumably, in case any British royalty stop by, beef Wellington. Care for a sidecar of lobster mac and cheese? If you can still manage it, the grand finale is a spread of 18 cakes, cookies and pastries — and that's before the chocolate fountain and made-to-order baked Alaska.

Last Sunday, the room was elegant but lively; no one was talking on their phone or taking photos. Whether this was because the moment is special or just the last chance to savor the experience, it's a rare pleasure. Wistful couples all around the dining room raised toasts to the hotel. Dressed in a suit and tie, an elderly brunch-er who gave his n a m e only as Edward shook the hand of the maitre'd to say he'd been coming there for decades, then pulled him into a hug when he was overcome with emotion.

"It's like the best thing, right? The best brunch ever," said a woman who gave her name only as Chevion, who had come for her first brunch after hearing about it for years. Whether there will be a place for Peacock Alley in the new Waldorf is uncertain, but she's optimistic. "They're gonna make it better next time; let's hope for the best."

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Even Lucius Malfoy sometimes feels insecure

In "A Cure for Wellness," Jason Isaacs plays Dr. Heinreich Volmer, the head of a creepy European spa who might be doing something dastardly with his patients. TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

Actor Jason Isaacs talks "A Cure for Wellness" and getting to play confident people.

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The man who plays Lucius Malfoy isn't, predictably, very Lucius Malfoy-y. Jason Isaacs has played scores of menacing baddies, and not just in the "Harry Potter" movies. He's possibly sinister in the Netflix series "The OA," but we don't want to spoil anything. But in person, he's friendly and gabby. He even admits to feeling uncomfortable in his own skin. This, from a man whose performances have haunted a generation of Potter-heads.

Isaacs is in New York to talk about "A Cure for Wellness," a creepy, crazy (and very long) horror film. He's the villain: a doctor at a dilapidated spa tucked away in the Swiss Alps who may be doing something evil to his guests.

Most actors who tend to play villains say they never look at them as villainous.

Sometimes I'm asked the question — it doesn't bother me, but I think it's reductive — which is, "Do you like playing good guys or bad guys?" It's true that sometimes there are characters written one way or the other, but I steer hundreds of miles away from them. If I don't believe the person thinks they're absolutely right, then I'll look terrible as an actor.

So you have Lucius Malfoy, who is just a dyed-in-the-wool racist and eugenicist, or the guy in "A Cure for Wellness," who has complete self-belief that the project he's on is worthwhile. Those characters, they're not easy to play, but they're easier than characters who are two-dimensional and written so the audience boos. Because the audience does boo." The audience sees through a transparent attempt to make you dislike them.

It's an important reminder that everyone, even terrible human beings, think they're right.

There's some terrible people in the world. Depending on your politics, you might think there's a terrible man sitting in the White House now. But anybody you pick, any of your bogeymen, if you sat them down and interviewed them, they could absolutely rationalize and justify what they're doing, morally and ethically or strategically. Those are the kinds of parts I want to play, simply because then I don't look crap.

It's really fascinating to get into those kinds of head spaces.

I've no idea why I started doing this, but I think there's a real curiosity about what people think, what motivates them, all the things they're not saying. I always felt as a kid — and I still often feel as an adult — that I somehow missed the memo where everyone had life explained to them. That's why they sit so comfortable in their own skin. Because I don't. I'm on a quest to find what makes other people so sure of themselves.

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Getting creeped out

One draw of "A Cure for Wellness" must have been shooting in that strange place in Europe. The actor's life must always feel surreal, but especially with this one.

The odd thing I didn't expect was that I would be so creeped out — not by the scenes, but where we shot. We shot in maybe the worst, most disturbing place I've ever been in my life. It was this place called Beelitz-Heilstatten, which is a compound of buildings where Hitler rehabbed after the first World War, after his injury. All Nazi soldiers went there to recuperate from injuries. Then the Russians took over, and they used the place to give people lobotomies and shock treatments, basically turn them into zombies. Subsequently there were loads of terrible things that happened there, like mass murders. There was a murder there just a few years before; they blamed the building. It's the most haunted building in Germany, maybe in Europe. I couldn't wait to get out of there.

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Nestled in a neighborhood at the crossroads of Columbus Circle, Central Park and the Upper West Side, The Encore sits on the pulse of New York City.

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Bed-Stuy, known for its brownstone-lined streets, is now getting the condo treatment. GETTY IMAGES

home

In Bed-Stuy, pricey condos are on the rise

Brownstone Brooklyn gets a modern makeover.

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Bed-Stuy, the historic Brooklyn neighborhood with the highest concentration of Victorian homes in the city, is now going the way of big-city development.

According to the Real Deal, Bed-Stuy has among the fastest rising condo prices in the borough, with the average price per square foot up from $500 in April 2015 to $700 in March 2016 — a 40 percent increase. Just this week, a new seven-building luxury condominium complex called the Cascade is now in development at 835 Myrtle Ave., with planned asking prices between $1 million and $2 million on average.

Curbed reported on two smaller-scale — but still luxury — boutique condo buildings which hit the market in February. Nestseekers International has launched sales on 368-370 Gates, with eight two-bedroom, two-bath units starting at $999,000. Another eight-unit building, 419 Herkimer, from Ideal Properties Group, is on the more affordable end, with one and two-bedroom units starting at $499,000.

Jim Hayes, a licensed real-estate salesperson with Nest Seekers International, who has worked in Brooklyn for the past eight years, says he's seeing more and more "value-seekers" leaving Manhattan for more space in Brooklyn — a couple decamping from a West Village co-op for a Bed-Stuy brownstone, Lower Manhattan singles purchasing one or two bedroom condos.

Currently, the price-point is higher for multi-family homes compared to condos, Hayes says. According to the Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY)'s 4th Quarter 2016 New York City Residential Sales Report, the average sales price of a one-to-three family home in Bed-Stuy is $1,201,000, up 24 percent from the fourth quarter of 2015. (The Brooklyn-wide average is $955,000).

"You have to be a pioneer if you want to buy a building."

Bed-Stuy homeowner, Andrea E.

It didn't used to be that way. When Andrea E., a 42-year-old executive assistant, moved to the neighborhood in 2010, she and her husband were able to purchase a two-family home for around $600,000. After being priced out of both Fort Greene and Harlem as renters, the couple moved to Queens for several years to save up so they could buy a house — and Bed-Stuy proved an affordable option then. "You have to be a pioneer if you want to buy a building. [At that time] nobody wanted to live here," she says. It helps that they can rent out one of the four floors of their brownstone. "When you own a two-family, it's like you're a business owner. You can write off everything," she explains, noting expenses like installing new windows and rewiring the electricity.

Rentals, however, are still among the more affordable in the borough. MNS' January 2017 Rental Market Report shows Bed-Stuy one-bedrooms averaging $2,085, compared to a borough-wide average of $2,615. It shares the more affordable end of the spectrum, along with Bushwick ($2,087), Crown Heights ($1,961) and Prospect Lefferts Gardens ($1891). On the high end, DUMBO averages $3,922, Brooklyn Heights, $3,169, and Williamsburg, $3,029.

Young professionals are finding affordability and fun in the neighborhood.

Zoe Johnson, a 23-year-old program associate at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, lived in Murray Hill, the Upper West Side and with her parents in New Jersey before settling in Bed-Stuy with a friend this July. The NYU grad pays $1,000 for her room in a two-bedroom located in a four-story walk-up on Nostrand Ave. near Gates Ave.

"Bed-Stuy was the place we could find a newly-renovated apartment in our price range," she explains. "And it's not too far from the A/C and the G train; that's one of the main reasons we chose it."

Diana Kosov, an agent at Bedford Brownstone Realty located on Bedford Ave. at Putnam Ave., ended up moving to Bed-Stuy herself. The 29-year-old Staten Island native pays $2,000 a month for a studio in a luxury building on Brooklyn Ave. near Fulton Ave. Being close to work and having amenities, like a gym and a parking garage, make it worth it for her, she says. "The neighborhood really grew on me. The gorgeous blocks, and the location — I'm only eight minutes from Barclays' Center."

Among her clients, she sees a mix of folks seeking out the iconic brownstones and opting for newer condo buildings. She says she's noticed freelancers and folks who work from home value a residence that provides luxury amenities.

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Bed-Vyne Brew

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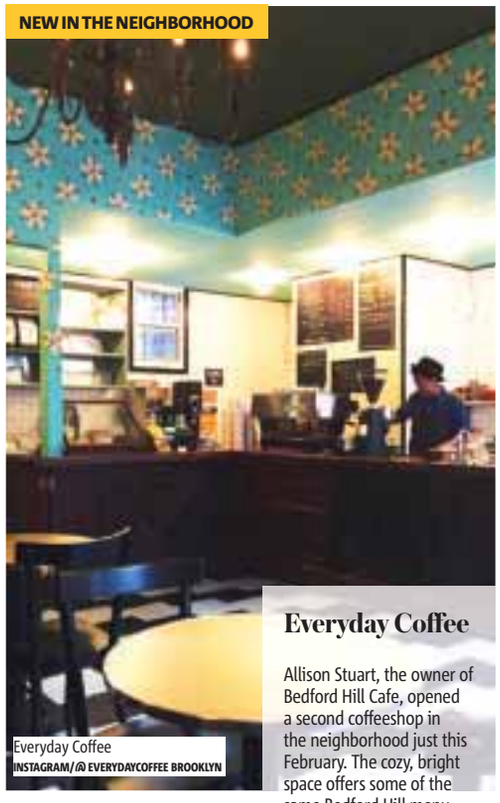

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Everyday Coffee

Allison Stuart, the owner of Bedford Hill Cafe, opened a second coffeeshop in the neighborhood just this February. The cozy, bright space offers some of the same Bedford Hill menu favorites, like the Classic Egg Sando with miso bacon and The Works bagel and lox, plus espresso drinks from Anodyne Coffee Roasting Co.
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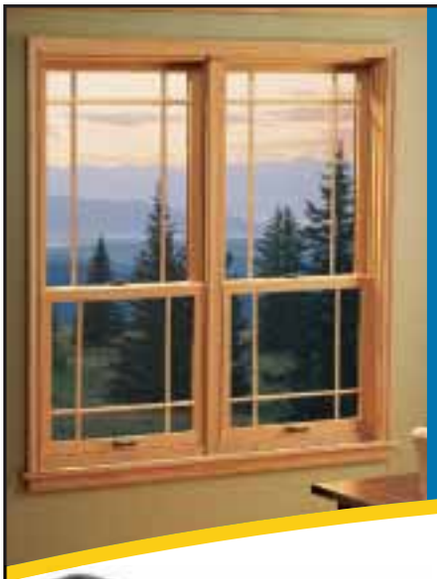

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WIGGINS 'BULLIED' IN WNBA

Candice Wiggins, who played in the WNBA for the New York Liberty among other teams, told the San Diego Union-Tribune this week that she was bullied by other players in the league for not being a lesbian. Wiggins suggested that 98 percent of players in the WNBA are homosexual and described the culture of the league as "very, very harmful."

"Me being heterosexual and straight, and being vocal in my identity as a straight woman was huge," Wiggins said. "People were deliberately trying to hurt me all of the time. I had never been called the B-word so many times in my life than I was in my rookie season. I'd never been thrown to the ground so much. The message was: 'We want you to know we don't like you.'"

Wiggins, who left basketball at the age of 29, also slammed the WNBA's low TV ratings.

"It was a depressing state in the WNBA," she said. "It's not watched. Our value is diminished."

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BOAT BRAGGADOCIOUS

As if Patriots haters weren't sick enough of the now five-time champs, we learned this week that Bill Belichick (pictured here with Kid Rock) wasted little time in changing the name of his boat — again. Up until last week, Belichick's boat was named "Six Rings," signifying the six Super Bowl rings that he owned (Belichick also won two Super Bowl titles as the defensive coordinator of the Giants).

In a photo captured by Barstool Sports, a shirtless man with the shape of Belichick was spotted sunbathing on a boat in Jupiter, Florida, this week, and sure enough the detail on the vessel was already updated — just 16 days after the Super Bowl. Welcome "VII Rings" to your waters, America.

THE ROCK FOR PREZ

Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson's approval rating across the U.S. has to be somewhere around 99.7 percent. If the Dems want to defeat Trump (or rather Mike Pence, since Trump is on track to be impeached by Memorial Day) in 2020, they should just give The Rock the nod now.

The man simply brings people together. On Monday, he called former WWE superstar CM Punk in the middle of the ring after the show went off the air. In case you didn't know, Punk despises WWE (like, for real) and has alleged that Vince McMahon bankrolled a defamation lawsuit against him. That didn't stop The Rock from calling Punk on his personal cellphone in the middle of the ring Monday night when fans began chanting Punk's name to get a rise out of The Great One.

"Hey Punk, it's Rock, this is not a joke. I'm literally calling you from the middle of the Staples Center with about 15,000 strong. I hope you can hear this. They are chanting your name!"

Obviously The Rock is bigger than WWE at this point, so there's not much McMahon could have done other than giving The Rock a disapproving nod after the stunt.

SPORTS GONE SOFT

So this Syracuse fan called the head coach of the Georgia Tech basketball team, Josh Pastner, and complained that Tech fans were being too mean by chanting "air ball" at one of Syracuse's players every time he touched the ball in a recent game.

Yes, the "air ball" chant — sports' most innocuous jeer that would not even offend your Great Aunt Gertrude.

The only good part about this story is that Pastner actually called this guy back and defended the Georgia Tech fans.

"I told him this is men's college elite basketball and the 'air ball' chant has been going around since Dr. James Naismith invented the game," Pastner said. "I said, Sir, this is not Little League, sir. I would agree with you if this was your local YMCA league for sixth graders."

File under: "Reasons Milo Yiannopoulos has an audience" and "Reasons Donald Trump was elected."

Spring training notebook

The latest Mets and Yankees rumors.

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Here's a look at the news from Mets and Yankees training camps down in Florida.

The Mets front office isn't high on Travis d'Arnaud. GETTY IMAGES

d'Arnaud's days numbered in Queens?

John Harper has reported that Mets brass is losing patience with Travis d'Arnaud and may look for help at catcher at the trade deadline. Per Harper: "The Mets… haven't been thrilled with his pitch-calling at times over the last couple of seasons. And last year his confidence crumbled as his game fell apart offensively and defensively."

D'Arnaud has been working with new catching instructor Glenn Sherlock and hitting coach Kevin Long in an attempt to salvage his once promising career that's been derailed by injuries.

"[D'Arnaud] just got away from some stuff that had been really beneficial for him in the past," Long told reporters when asked to explain d'Arnaud's disastrous 2016. "We're trying to … get him to repeat the same swing every day. Travis can change like the wind at times."

Walker wants to stay

Neil Walker accepted a one-year, $17 million qualifying offer to stay with the Mets rather than sign elsewhere this offseason. And though nothing is guaranteed beyond this year, Walker says he would like to remain a Met.

When asked about signing an extension, Walker told reporters, "nothing has come to fruition just yet, but it doesn't mean something won't happen."

He continued, "For me, looking at this, this is where I want to be. Looking at what's here and the potential [of the] next two, three, four years … this is an exciting place to be as a big league ballplayer."

Will Girardi jump ship?

Yankees manager Joe Girardi is in the last year of his contract, but club owner Hal Steinbrenner hasn't even discussed an extension with his skipper.

"Joe is one of many people in this organization that have contracts, and I treat them all the same," Steinbrenner told The New York Times. "We just have too many other things to focus on. He knows that. I'm sure we'll be talking maybe toward the end of the year, but right now, there's a lot more things to be worried about."

Girardi was diplomatic regarding the issue when addressing reporters last week.

"It really doesn't impact me," he said. "I'm going to do my job the same way and what I believe is the right way to do it. They don't extend managers, as long as I can remember, during the course of a season. So I'll go do my job and see whatever happens. Let's go play it out."

Through nine seasons, Girardi has guided the Bombers to an 819-639 record with one World Series victory (2009).

All systems 'go' for Gardner

Brett Gardner has been the subject of trade rumors for some time now, but he's ready to begin the 2017 season as the longest-tenured Yankee on the roster.

"On one hand, obviously I don't want to get traded," Gardner told reporters. "But, on the other hand, the fact that maybe some other teams have interest in me, I see that as a compliment. But I don't want to play anywhere else. I want to be here."

Gardner added, "It feels like yesterday I was praying not to get sent back across the street to minor-league camp. I guess it's pretty cool. It's something that I definitely cherish and don't take lightly."

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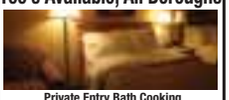

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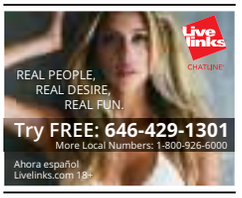

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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF QUEENS
NATIONSTAR
MORTGAGE, LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, Against SYLVAN DUNKLEY, ET AL.,
Defendant(s) Index No. 7869/2013

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered on 11/16/2016, I the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, the Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY in Courtroom #25 on 3/3/2017 at 10:00am, premises known as 120-18 230th Street, Cambria Heights, NY 11411 and described as follows: ALL that tract or parcel of land, situate in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York and Designated on the tax maps of the Queens County Treasurer as Block 12814 and Lot 95. The approximate amount of the Judgment lien is $318,945.35 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Terms of Sale;

Index # 7869/2013.
Joseph Trotti, Esq. Referee,
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Dated 12/14/2016 13-1638-0

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SUPREME COURT
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U.S NATIONAL BANK ASSOCIATION,
AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-8; Plaintiff(s) - vs.
CHRISTOPHER ROESE; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney's for Plaintiff(s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York 12524, 845.897.1600
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Block: 8995 Lot: 10 ALL that plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment $324,295.52 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 9684/07 Steven P. Goldenberg, Esq. Referee

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT:
QUEENS COUNTY
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE TERWIN MORTGAGE TRUST 2006-9HGA, ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, TMTS SERIES 2006-9HGA, WITHOUT RECOURSE;
Plaintiff(s) vs.
MOHAMMAD KABIR; NURUNNAHAR A. SHIMUL; et al; Defendant(s)
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, NY 12524, 845.897.1600
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Block: 11006 Lot: 30ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Fourth Ward of the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment $496,981.84 plus interest and costs.
INDEX NO. 13114/08
Richard M. Gutierrez, Esq., Referee

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a license, Serial # 1300345, for Liquor, Wine & Beer has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Liquor, Wine & Beer at retail under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 349 E. 13th Street, New York, NY 10003. New York County, for on premise consumption. EST Restaurant Corp.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a license, Serial # 1300272, for Wine & Beer has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Wine & Beer at retail under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 26 E. 60th Street, New York, NY 10022. New York County, for on premise consumption. 26 East 60th Street Hospitality LLC.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a license, Serial # 1300273, for Wine & Beer has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Wine & Beer at retail under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 1021 Church Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11218. Kings County, for on premise consumption. Hunger Pang Restaurant Inc.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a license, Serial # 1300271, for Wine & Beer has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Wine & Beer at retail under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 195 E. 3rd Street, New York, NY 10009. New York County, for on premise consumption. Wild Projects Productions Inc.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a license, Serial # 1300352, for Liquor, Wine & Beer has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Liquor, Wine & Beer at retail under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 161 W. 23rd Street, New York, NY 10011. New York County, for on premise consumption. RETROCLUBNYC Inc.

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SUPREME COURT:
QUEENS COUNTY
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff(s) vs. YUT CHIN HOO, et al;
Defendant(s)
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s):
ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C.,
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INDEX NO. 708717/2014.
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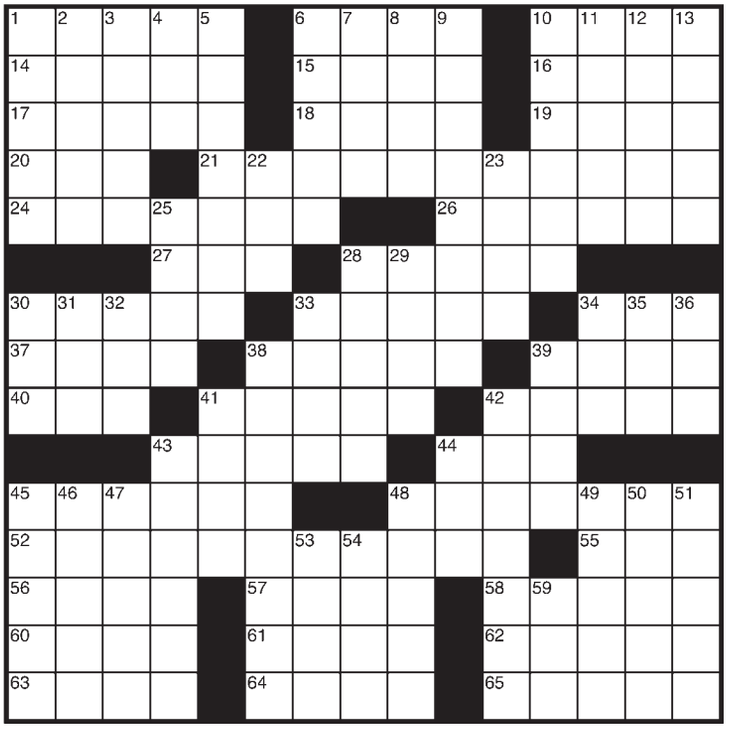

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Aries Question your motives if someone tries to block your achievements. Clear up any misunderstanding before you assume a position that requires transparency.

Taurus Getting along with your peers will be in your best interest. If you call upon people you have worked with in the past, you'll be given inside information that will help you.

Gemini Your ability to express what you want to see happen will encourage others to help you make your plan a success. A chance encounter will result in a great opportunity.

Cancer Educate yourself and work hard to achieve your goals. Seek advice from experienced pros, but don't be afraid to put your own spin on things. Trust in your ability.

Leo Traveling, learning and interacting with interesting people will encourage you to make lifestyle changes. Physical action will bring positive results.

Virgo Make affordable plans with children, family or a loved one. Living within your means will help you enjoy the day instead of adding to your stress.

Libra Trouble will surface when dealing with domestic or relationship matters. Be willing to compromise and discuss concerns openly. Strive for equality, and peace of mind.

Scorpio Be careful what you share with your peers. Someone will use personal information against you to deter your progress. Don't overreact to someone's argument.

Sagittarius Personal improvements will lead to unexpected gains. Refuse to let an emotional incident cost you. Keep your mind on the facts, and move forward.

Capricorn An emotional situation will escalate into an unsavory encounter if you get involved with people who don't share your values or beliefs. Proceed with caution.

Aquarius Bring about positive change. Altering your appearance or methods will make others take notice. Follow through with your plans if you want to prosper.

Pisces You need to be the one to decide what's best for yourself. Look over personal paperwork to find information that will help you make better choices. EUGENIA LAST

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